Payment of arrears to junior technicians of PGIMER

3757. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are denying to pay arrears to the junior technicians of Post Graduates Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that arrears under Part B of Fifth Pay Commission are due to the junior technicians for the period 1st January, 1996 to 11th December, 2002; and

(c) if so, the reasons for non payment thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The pay scale of Junior Technicians (Lab., X-Ray, Radiotherapy) of Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh have been notionally revised from Rs. 4500-7000 to Rs. 5000-8000 *w.e.f.* 01.01.1996, with the actual payment only from the date of issue of orders *i.e.* 12.12.2002. This decision has been taken by the Government, as Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh is an autonomous body and not directly covered by Fifth CPC recommendation and hence the question of extending higher pay scale retrospectively *i.e.* from 01.01.1996 does not arise.

Accredited pathological labs in the country

3758. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that only 60 out of estimated 14,000 labs in the private sector across the country are accredited and in Delhi alone only 10 out of 2000 labs are accredited;

(b) whether it is a fact that most pathological labs do not have any qualified pathologists, trained phlebotomists and technicians, etc., to ensure that there is no contamination of collected samples; and

(c) whether in the absence of any regulatory authority, Government propose to undertake survey of pathological labs and allow functioning of only such labs which are issued clearance certificates by proper agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Health being a State subject it is for the State Governments to lay down norms/ guidelines and to regulate the working of pathological labs. There is no proposal to undertake any survey of pathological labs in the country.

NGOs in Punjab and Maharashtra receiving funds from Government

3759. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) under his Ministry are in receipt of Central funds particularly in Maharashtra and Punjab States;

(b) whether these NGOs are regularly submitting to Government the required utilization certificates with regard to use of such funds; and

(c) if not, what action Government are contemplating to take against such defaulting NGOs during the period 2005-2006, till date, and the details thereof, NGO-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Adulterated milk from Mother Dairy and DMS

3760. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that milk from sealed poly packs of certain well known companies like Mother Dairy, Delhi Milk Scheme, etc. have been found to be adulterated during the recent raid in the Capital;

(b) if so, what are the names of such companies whose milk have been found to be adulterated; and

(c) what action has been taken against these companies?